GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revision petition - Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr.Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Imposed a penalty of "Reversion to lower rank" - Review petition filed against the punishment orders - Admitted - Modifying the penalty as 'Stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect' - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.196, Dated: 16.02.2024

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.1211, Revenue (Vig.I) Department , dt: 29.12.2023
2. Review petition dt: 10.01.2024 filed by Smt. K.V.V.Nagamani, the then VRO, Nidigatla presently working as Sr.Asst, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the G.O 1st read above, orders have been issued imposing a punishment of "Reversion to lower rank" against Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr.Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram as the article of charge framed against her on the allegations of tampering of Revenue records in Sy.No.4/2,5/1,7/1,8/2,9,11 and 30/1 to a tune of Ac.106.10 Cts and issue of Pattadar Pass Books irregularly with malafied intention at Nadigatla Village, Korukonda Mandal, East Godavari Dist. is held partially proved by the Inquiry Authority cum Joint Collector, East Godavari and further, Government while examining the matter in detail have decided to treat that the charge framed against her, as held proved instead of partially held proved, as it was observed that Smt. K.V.V. Nagamani, former Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla village, Korukonda(M), EG District has deposed that she prepared Pattadar pass books and Title deeds in favour of purchasers and submitted for approval to the higher authorities, based on the instructions of the then Tahsildar; that she is expected to act in accordance with the rules only and cannot escape from her responsibility by thrusting entire issue on the higher officials.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr. Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram has filed an review petition before the Government denying the allegations and asserting that she has prepared the Pass books only on the directions of the higher officials and was not involved in the tampering of records. She has expressed that despite the inquiry officer finding the charges partially proved, due to lapses of superior officers, the government have imposed severe penalty of reversion, which is disproportionate for a lower-level employee like her. She emphasized her non-involvement in record tampering, as she followed directives from higher officials and handed over records accordingly and added that the inquiry authority's report also acknowledged the charges as partially proved. She has also informed that she was appointed on compassionate grounds after her husband's death, as a single mother supporting her family and she is the only person to look after her children and argued that reversion is severe and socially humiliating and finally pleaded to exonerate her from the disciplinary case on humanitarian grounds.

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3. And whereas, the review petition of Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr. Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram has been admitted and a personal hearing has been conducted by the competent authority on 05.02.2024.

4. After careful examination of the grounds put forth in the review petition and also after hearing to pleadings of the petitioner during the personal hearing, Government have observed that as a Village Revenue Officer, it was the duty of the petitioner to verify possession, documents, encumbrance, and land status, not solely relying on higher officials. Govt., have decided that the major punishment of Reversion to lower rank imposed on Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr. Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram is set aside duly imposing punishment of Stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect against her.

5. Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule- 38(a) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, here by review the punishment of "Reversion to lower rank" imposed against Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr. Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram,; set aside the same and impose a punishment of Stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect against her.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ District Collector, East Godavari, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

AJAY JAIN, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LANDS)(FAC)

To:
Smt.K.V.V.Nagamani, the then Village Revenue Officer, Nidigatla presently working as Sr. Assistant, O/o Special Collector(LA), Polavaram Irrigation Project, Rajamahendravaram through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
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The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari District.
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